

The Federal Communications Commission

Dear The Federal Communications Commission,

Since becoming a widow, my mother was reluctant to travel very far from her home. ("What if I have car trouble or something?") A cellphone gave her the confidence to get out of the house.

My employer's emergency contact system has a response time that can vary greatly, with several minutes being the best you could hope for, and times exceeding a half hour being common. With cellphones, I am able to be contacted immediately in the event of a family emergency.

And with cellphones, I am better able to keep track of my kids.

But the security I get from cellphones comes at what I consider a high, almost prohibitive, price.

I urge you to reject a flat fee proposal that would change how contributions are made to the Universal Service Fund. I further urge you to oppose any proposal that would raise my cellphone bill. In an age when electronics and technology are becoming increasingly affordable, effort should be made to ensure cellphone accessibility to the average American.

I urge you to reject the proposal to move the USF collection system to a flat-fee.

Keep the USF Fair!

Sincerely,

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